

XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate, do hereby move to bring to a close debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2082, Intelligence Authorization Act.

John D. Rockefeller, IV, Dianne Feinstein, Kent Conrad, E. Benjamin Nelson, Russell D. Feingold, Barbara A. Mikulski, Ron Wyden, Ken Salazar, Mark Pryor, Patty Murray, Benjamin L. Cardin, Frank R. Lautenberg, Jack Reed, Sheldon Whitehouse, Harry Reid, Carl Levin, Bill Nelson.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent the mandatory quorum call be waived.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

FISA AMENDMENTS ACT OF 2007— Continued

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate resume consideration of S. 2248.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I just finished a conference with the distinguished Republican leader, and we both believe this is the best way to go. We will, at some time, finish the intelligence conference report one way or the other, and following that, we will likely move to the Indian health bill to try to complete that.

We have had a productive day. It is my understanding there are only two speakers left on the FISA legislation, and that is Senator DODD and Senator SPECTER. If there are others, they should notify the cloakroom forthwith.

We have eight votes we are going to do tomorrow, and staff is working on a consent to get to those votes. If we finish them, regardless, it would be better if we do this by consent. We are going to start the votes early in the morning. There will be no morning business tomorrow. We have eight votes to do tomorrow and complete a lot of talk on this bill, and that way we can send it to the House very quickly and they will come back and tell us something, we hope, by the end of the week.

We all hope it is not necessary that we have an extension, but time will tell.

Mr. President, I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that when the Senate resumes S. 2248 on Tuesday morning, February 12, the sequence of votes on remaining amendments occur in the following order: Whitehouse 3920, subject to a 60-vote threshold; Feinstein 3910, subject to a 60-vote threshold; Feingold 3979; Dodd 3907; Feingold 3912;

Bond-Rockefeller 3938, as modified; Specter-Whitehouse 3927; Feinstein 3919, with a 60-vote threshold; and that each leader control a total of 10 minutes of debate time to be used prior to any of the votes; that the provisions of the previous order governing debate limitations and vote limitations remain in effect.

We are going to do as many of these as we can before the weekly party conferences. With a little bit of luck, we can finish all of them.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. I suggest the absence of a quorum.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will call the roll.

The legislative clerk proceeded to call the roll.

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the order for the quorum call be rescinded.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

MORNING BUSINESS

Mr. DURBIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to a period of morning business with Senators permitted to speak for up to 10 minutes each.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

NATIVE AMERICAN HOUSING AND SELF-DETERMINATION ACT

Mr. DODD. Mr. President, I come to the floor today to discuss the Banking Committee's action on S. 2062, the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Reauthorization Act of 2007. Senator SHELBY and I agreed to discharge this bill from the Banking Committee, with an amendment, to help move the bill along.

This legislation reauthorizes the Native American Housing and Self-Determination Act, NAHASDA, which provides critical funds for housing Native Americans who suffer significant and unique housing problems. According to HUD data, almost one-third of Native Americans have severe housing burdens. They live in overcrowded conditions, lack basic plumbing and utilities, or pay over half of their income for their housing costs. NAHASDA is the primary way that Indian tribes are assisted in addressing these critical housing needs.

The amendment drafted by Senator SHELBY and I includes a provision to clarify that this bill should not interfere with ongoing court cases regarding funding allocations. I want to acknowledge the contributions of Senators TESTER and ENZI in working on this provision. In addition, the amendment helps to retain the requirements that funds be used for those Native Americans in the worst housing situations and that funds continue to be used to increase affordable housing opportunities.

I look forward to working with my colleagues to quickly pass S. 2062 as amended.

SCHOOL SAFETY AND LAW ENFORCEMENT IMPROVEMENT ACT

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, it has now been nearly 10 months since the horrific incident at Virginia Tech resulted in the tragic deaths of 32 students and faculty members, and serious injuries to many other innocent victims. During that time, we have witnessed a barrage of new incidents involving threatening conduct and, too often, deadly acts of violence at our schools and college campuses nationwide.

Just in the last few days tragedy has struck at one of our Nation's high schools and on a university campus. Today's press reports indicate that a student at Mitchell High School in Memphis, TN, is in critical condition after a violent incident in the school's cafeteria. Just this past Friday, a female student killed two other women, and then herself, inside a classroom on the campus of Louisiana Technical College in Baton Rouge. This terrible incident could easily have been even more deadly: there were nearly 20 people in the classroom at the time.

The Senate has so far failed to take up and pass the School Safety and Law Enforcement Improvement Act of 2007, S. 2084, which the Judiciary Committee reported last September to help improve school safety. This comprehensive legislation should be considered and passed without further delay.

In originating the bill over 6 months ago, the Judiciary Committee showed deference to Governor Tim Kaine and the task forces at work in Virginia, and sought to complement their work and recommendations. Working with several Senators, including Senators BOXER, REED, SPECTER, FEINGOLD, SCHUMER, and DURBIN, the committee originated this bill and reported it at the start of the 2007 academic year. My hope was that Congress would adopt these critical school safety improvements last fall.

Since this bill passed out of the Judiciary Committee, we have seen tragedy at Louisiana Technical College, Delaware State, University of Memphis, SuccessTech Academy in Cleveland, OH, as well as incidents in California, New York, Pennsylvania, and Oregon, to name just a few. I, again, urge the Senate to proceed to consider this comprehensive package of school safety measures. It includes sensible yet effective safety improvement measures supported by law enforcement across the country. We should be doing all that we can to help.

Last October, a troubled student wearing a Fred Flintstone mask and carrying a rifle through campus was arrested at St. John's University in Queens, NY, prompting authorities to lock down the campus for 3 hours. The day after that incident, an armed 17-